

PRINCE'S SLIGHT FIGURE CONCEALS ROYAL SPIRIT

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LONDON, May 8.—When it was known the Prince of Wales had gone to the front last autumn there were many who scoffed. Not in print, of course, but in private conversation there were real patriots who bemoaned the lack of a splendid figure to represent the King in France. Englishmen were a bit ashamed of the prince's wan, pinched face and slouching, non-aggressive figure.

But the prince has made good. He is not the weakling he appears. Those who follow field sports know that many, indeed most, good cross-country and long-distance runners are slight in appearance. Such is Prince Edward. He carries no weight, and his endurance is astonishing.

On several occasions the prince has marched his twenty-five miles a day, carrying heavy equipment, and turned up fresh and brisk at the end. He has never faltered, but in a calm, undemonstrative way he plowed ahead at his duties, day after day, making a uniform record of excellence.

So the English people are beginning to feel proud of their Prince of Wales. He has overcome the handicaps nature put upon him. His open-air life, too, is at last beginning to broaden him out. His appearance is much more rugged than it was when he appeared before Earl Kitchener last summer and demanded that he be sent to the front.

On that first occasion he was refused. The War Secretary firmly informed the prince that he had not had sufficient training. But a little more than two months later, Kitchener had the same case. The prince had the same case. He did not turn him down.

HAS SEEN HALF-YEAR
OF THIS TERRIBLE WAR

Now, not yet twenty-one years of age, he has seen a half-year of war. He has proved himself an ideal dispatch bearer and staff officer. He is not allowed to expose himself to capture by the Germans, for, as a hostage, he would embarrass the British fighting. But he has been under fire many times, especially when directing the building of trenches near the battle field of Neuve Chapelle.

To the army he is simply "P. W." This is, of course, an abbreviation of "Prince of Wales." The officers and men like him. He enjoys no special privileges. He wears a plain khaki uniform with a star on the sleeve. There is a bit of khaki on his cap, which all guard regiment officers wear, while a piece of scarlet cloth on the coat lapel indicates that he is a staff officer.

When traveling with dispatches the prince keeps several rifles in his car, and has been under fire more than once.

The prince was four months in the field before he even visited Paris. Then he lunched with President Poincaré, and returned shortly to his duties.

He often is seen in the military hospitals, and always carries a big stock of his favorite brand of cigarettes, which he passes around freely. He speaks a cheery word to man after man.

DISCIPLINED ONCE
IN COURT-MARTIAL

Only once has the prince been disciplined since leaving England. He was sent with dispatches to Major Deane, who commanded the forces in a village near St. Eloi, the scene of fierce fighting. As he arrived he passed a German officer being led off to be shot as a spy. He was told the man had been found in the English lines wearing an English officer's great-coat.

The prince spoke to the prisoner in German, and learned the man had become detached from a German patrol, and was simply endeavoring to rejoin his own lines when captured. He said he had taken the coat from a dead English officer because he had lost his own and was suffering from cold.

The prince was impressed with the man's story, and asked the lieutenant in charge of the firing squad to send the German to the local prisoners' camp and have his case examined further.

Major Deane was indignant, and informed the prince that whether he was a spy or not, the prince had no right to interfere with the lieutenant, who was carrying out definite and strict instructions. He added that he would be compelled to report to the British headquarters that the prince had used his rank as the son of the sovereign to prevent these instructions being carried out.

The court-martial resulted in the prince being severely censured and suspended from duty for three days. But the prisoner was declared not to have been a spy, and was sent to England as an ordinary prisoner of war.

YOUNGER BROTHER, ALBERT,
IS AGAIN WITH FLEET

The prince's brother, Albert, one year younger, has a much better figure than the prince. He is again with the fleet. It is said that for several years the Prince of Wales has been no match for the sailor brother in boxing and wrestling bouts. Albert has a special contempt for all sorts of wraps, and in earlier years often brought down the wrath of Queen Mary by the lightness of his dress. The Queen's over-conscientiousness in protecting her children is a handicap all her sons have to overcome, but their innate manliness seems to be asserting itself.

Henry, the third son, is now an Etonian, and is taking with good grace the traditional hard bumps of the famous school. He is fifteen years old. Like his elder brothers, he is inclined to pay less respect to his mother than she would like. The Queen refused for a long time to raise his pocket money above \$2.50 a week. So he raised money by selling letters from his mother and other royalties for \$50. The sale of autographs coming to

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for Mrs. Daniels



Mrs. J. Willard Redgate
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Mrs. Redgate, wife of the Congressman from Florence, S. C., was hostess at a beautifully appointed luncheon on Tuesday at her home on Connecticut Avenue in honor of Mrs. Josephus Daniels, wife of the Secretary of the Navy. Dogwood, apple blossoms and lilacs decorated the entrance hall and drawing-rooms, and the dining-room was in yellow, with a table centerpiece of iris, tulips and jonquils.

The Queen's car, she went to a deal of trouble to retrieve them.

There are two younger sons, George, thirteen years old, and John, ten. John

refuses to regard himself as a prince. Seeing some people staring at him, and not wishing to neglect to recognize a friend, he asked: "Do you know me?" On another occasion he smashed into a fence on his bicycle. He summoned an attendant to straighten a bent pedal, and then declared he was going to have another try at the turn he had failed to make.

"But," said the attendant, "you must ride downhill more carefully, Your Royal Highness."

"Go on," answered the prince, "my name is John."

Princess Mary, only daughter of the King and Queen, comes of age this spring, but her debut will be very modest. If it had not been for the war, her parents would have held a grand fancy dress ball in St. James's Palace, and it would have been the affair of the season. It was planned to reproduce at the ball episodes in English history.

It was the suggestion of King Edward which led to the famous fancy dress ball at Devonshire House a few years ago, when His Late Majesty appeared as Henry VIII.

As society is at an end here, and the ball will not be held, Princess Mary has occupied herself in assisting war relief work and in writing a moving picture play. This play was actually produced.

The author took the part of a nursery maid in the piece. One of the daughters of her aunt, Princess Royal, played another character, while three more parts were taken by children of two members of the royal household.

The picture was shown after a dinner party in the palace one night. The action is laid in a schoolroom and the dining-room of the palace, where the pictures were really taken.

Queen Mary refused to allow it to be played until she had read the manuscript, and made several corrections, striking out one character, an irritable uncle, which she thought might be considered to caricature the Kaiser.

A moving picture exhibition company offered to give \$5,000 to any charity Queen Mary might name for the right to show the piece, but was curiously turned down.

The princess is a healthy, hearty girl, much more robust in appearance than any of her brothers. She rides horse-back daintily. In this she is a striking contrast to her mother, who fears horses, and refuses to get on the back of the gentlest mount.

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Mayor George Almslie will speak this week at the usual Tuesday afternoon meeting of the Richmond Art Club, at 4:30 o'clock. His subject will be "City Planning," one very much in the public eye at present, and sure to draw a large audience. The usual informal reception will follow, to which members of the club and their friends are cordially invited.

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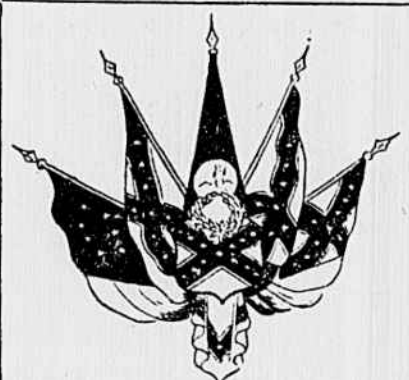
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